



## Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

### AD3 Joseph Clifford

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The engine of an F/A-18C Hornet is a complicated piece of equipment that consistently requires maintenance and upkeep. Those that perform the maintenance on the engines of these all-weather fighter and attack aircraft must ensure that it is done correctly and with the utmost attention to detail.

Today's Sailor of the Day, AD3 Joseph Clifford of VFA-147, the "Argonauts," is an aviation machinist mate and the LPO of workcenter 110.

"I work on the jet engines and fuel systems on the F/A-18s," said Clifford. "I do some of the in-depth maintenance of the craft to keep them running."

Clifford is also the collateral duty inspector for two workcenters within the air wing. He assures that maintenance conducted on the aircraft is done strictly by the book.

AD3 also holds several qualifications within his workcenter. These include low-power turn operator, brake rider, move director and many more. He is also currently working on earning his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist pin.

"He's always working on improving his qualifications," said Clifford's LPO AD1(AW) Angel Serrano. "Clifford's my right-hand man."

This native of Winnebago, Ill., plans on staying in the Navy and getting his degree, he said. He eventually plans on qualifying for an officer program.

When not at sea, Clifford enjoys spending time with his wife Candice, and his two children Riche and Shyenne. He also enjoys doing what he considers to be the only true hobby -- four-wheeling.



As collateral duty inspector, Clifford checks an F/A-18C Hornet to ensure that all the maintenance was done correctly.



AD3 uses a speed handler to tighten a fuel control clamp.



Clifford puts away his tools after completing maintenance. He is responsible for all scheduled maintenance for two workcenters.

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